

World Represented At South End Fair

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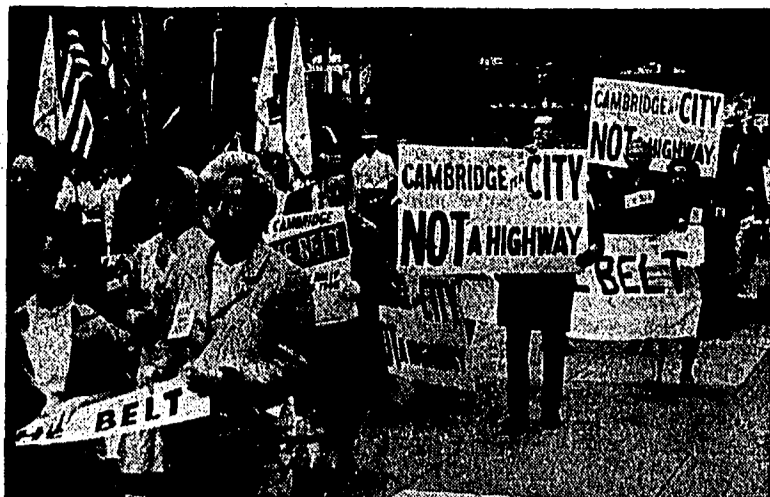
Cooks and artists vied for the spotlight Saturday when the two-day South End Citizens' Federation Festival opened at noon in Union Park.

Selling almost as fast as Polish cookies, Chinese spare-ribs, Southern fried chicken, Italian lasagna, rolled cabbage leaves and hot dogs were oils by South End artists. Nearly 1000 persons, most under 10, flocked to opening day of this festival, now in its fifth year. Adults scooped up paintings, Wedgewood glasses, wood carvings and hand-made clothes. At the same time, youngsters bobbing balloons rode the carnival ponies, merry-go-round and boats.

A hat mart offered second-hand a Middle East fez, one turban, three French berets and a Mexican sombrero. All clothing and food were donated by residents of the South End.

Not only the items offered at the festival but the vendors and visitors represented a variety of cultures. Chinese, white and Negro youngsters manned booths selling Syrian, Italian, Spanish, Polish and American items. As many different languages and accents could be heard among the visitors.

The festival will continue today from 11 a.m. through dusk. Union Park from Tremont st. to Shawmut av. is blocked off for the event, providing 16 citizens' groups in that area.



'BELT' MARCHERS ON WAY TO STATE HOUSE
(Hal Sweeney Photo)

Leaders Confident 1000 Protest Inner Belt

More than 1000 residents of Cambridge and Somerville, many of them children, rode chartered buses to Boston Common Saturday, then marched to the State House to protest the Brookline-Elm st. Inner Belt route.

At the end of the "Beat the Belt" demonstration, U.S. Rep. Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. declared: "I think Brookline-Elm is dead. Thank God we don't have to go through this for another 18 years."

Eighteen years ago, the Inner Belt was included in the master plan drawn up for a state highway system. Last March, Gov. Volpe said the Inner Belt was a "missing link" and had to be constructed.

He submitted to the Federal government a proposal for building the belt on the Brookline-Elm st. line through Cambridge.

Citizens and officials of Cambridge vigorously protest this route for displace routes could be found.

At the rally Saturday, demonstrators carried placards, "Cambridge is a city—not a highway."

State Rep. Marie Howe (D—Somerville) said the Belt is "nothing more than stealing the homes of the people for the sake of the almighty automobile."

Rev. Kenneth Hughes, pastor of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Cambridge said: "For over half a century people of all races and religions have lived side by side with mutual respect. This is the kind of community that these callous people want to disrupt."

Leaders of the delegation expressed confidence over action taken by the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington last Friday. Federal Highway Administrator Frank Turner Jr. returned all plans and documents for the Brookline-Elm st. route to Gov. Volpe.

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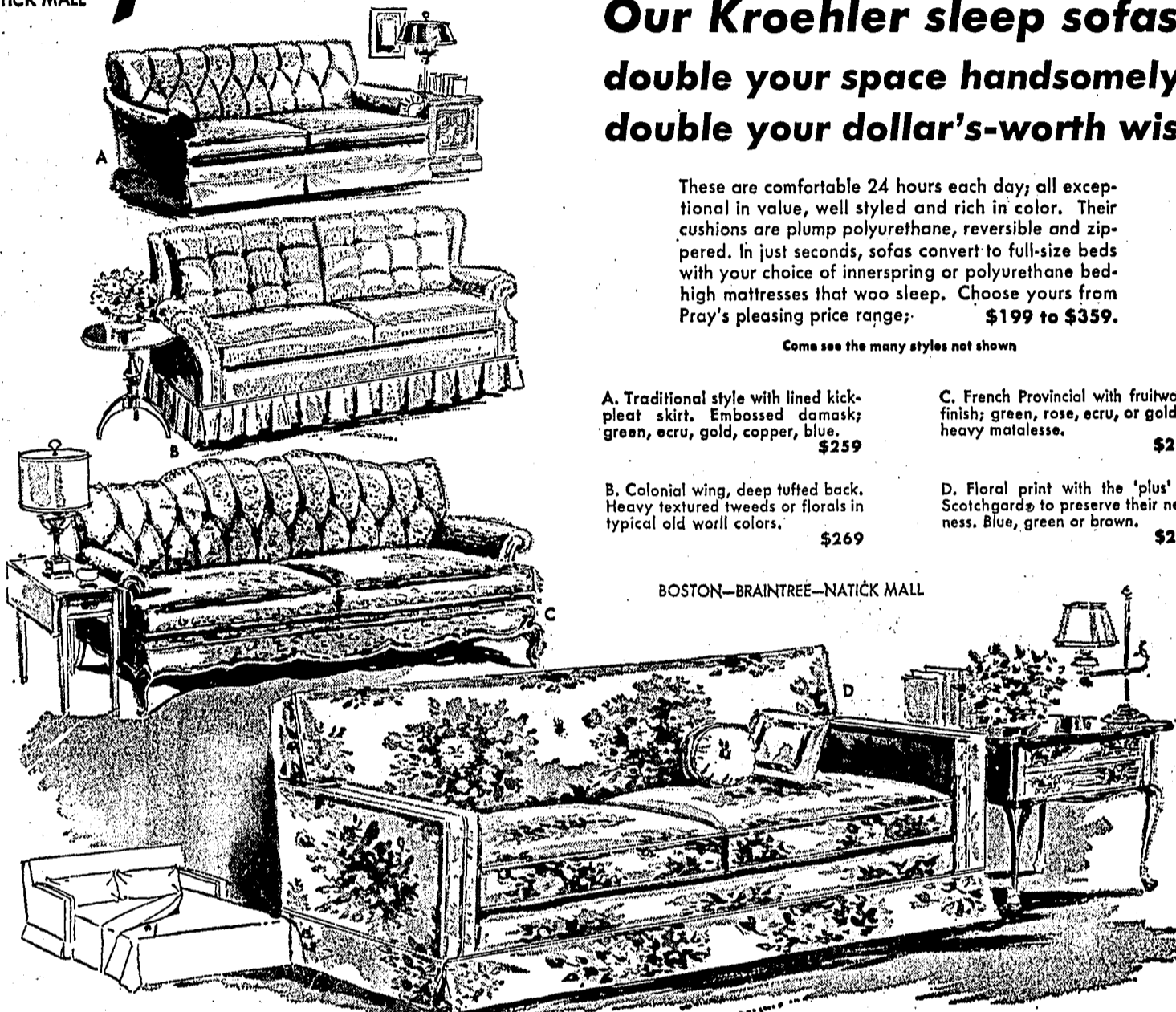
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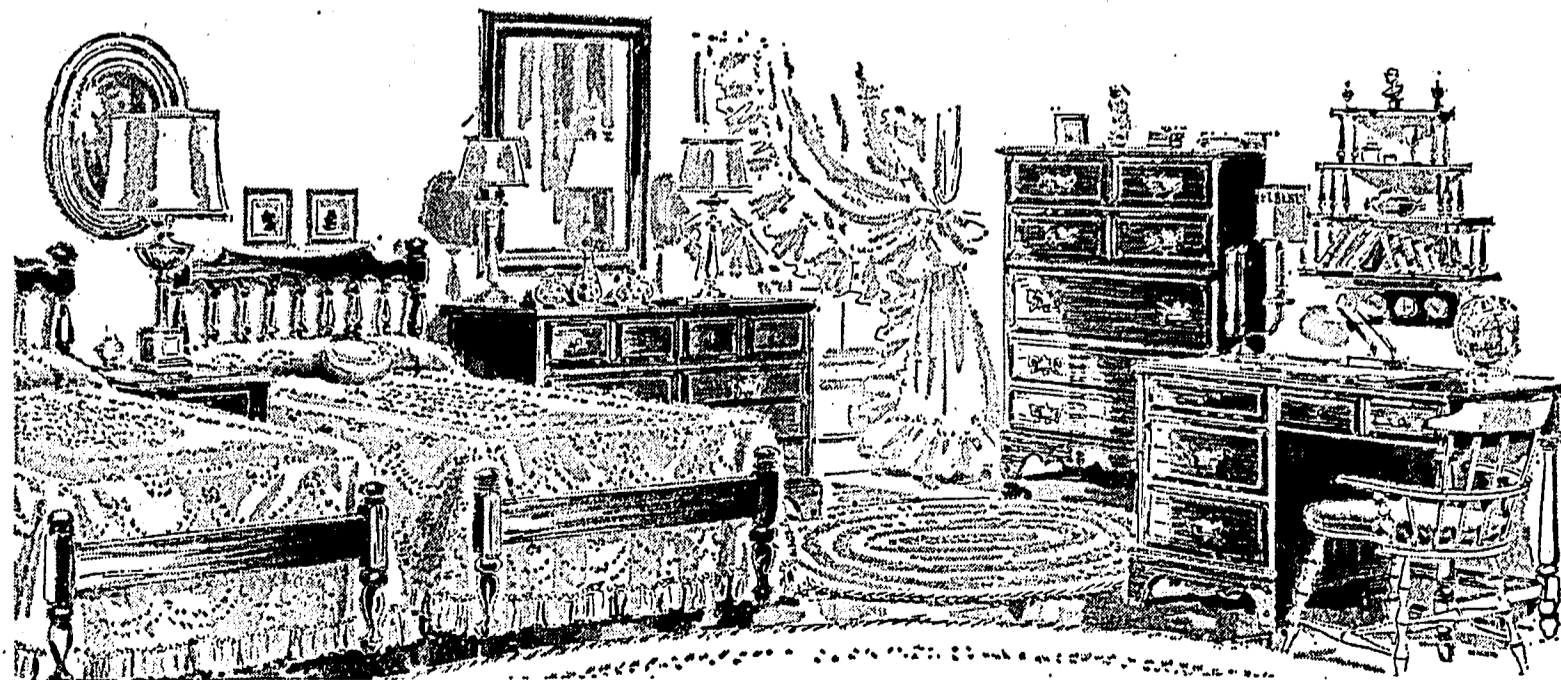
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